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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : USIB Proposal for U-2 Coverage of South Asia  
and Mainland China: Comments on the Memorandum  
of the Department of State

REFERENCE : RCI-R-78-61-KH (*705-9589-61-RH/1*)

1. I have read the memorandum of the Department of State on the proposal to use the U-2 to obtain at this time intelligence on South China, Hainan Island, and North Viet Nam in connection with the Laotian situation, and on strategic targets in the rest of China in the near future.

2. Attached are what I consider to be appropriate comments on the views expressed by the Department of State.

3. It should be noted that the assumptions set forth in the attached paper are, in substance, the arguments advanced by the Department of State against use of the U-2 for the stated purpose.

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Attachment  
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